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CHP CHIPS IN TO HELP LANDLUBBER SEA LION

CHiPpy, the wayward sea lion whose wanderlust drove him far from his ocean home to central valley farm fields, needs help, and the California Highway Patrol is leading the effort.

The sea lion has been transferred to the Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito where veterinarians have found a bullet lodged in his head. It may require surgery – and medical care for the animal could run into \$1,000's of dollars.

The men and women of the CHP, through the California Association of Highway Patrolmen (CAHP), have created a fund to receive donations which will go to help pay CHiPpy's care and medical expenses. CHP employees are donating to the fund and encourage the public to join in. Donations may be made to the CAHP Sea Lion Fund c/o The CAHP, P.O. Box 161209, Sacramento, CA 95816.

The announcement will take place at 3:30 today in front of CHP Headquarters, 2555 First Avenue, in Sacramento. CHP Commissioner Spike Helmick, Chief Teresa Becher and CAHP CEO John Hamm will be available to answer questions and provide details on the CHiPpy Fund Drive.

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